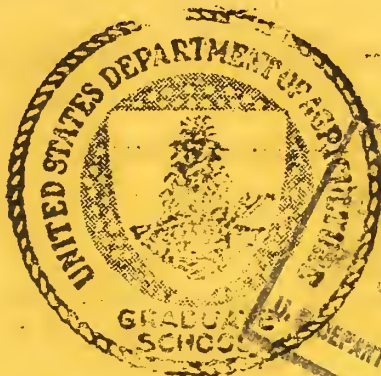


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CALIFORNIA SEMINAR ORGANIZED

Established at the request of and in cooperation with the East Bay, USDA Club, a "Seminar in Agricultural Policy" got underway this fall in Berkeley, California with Marion Clawson, Regional Agricultural Analyst, BAE, as instructor. Its members represent BAE, AAA, other USDA agencies and state officials. Also cooperating in organizing and operating the seminar are the Giannini Foundation and College of Agriculture, both of California University, and BAE.

This seminar, planned on a two semester basis, has as its objective the bringing together of new ideas, new facts to help meet the changing agricultural problems now developing with post-war living and so-called peace in this world of ours. It is hoped this course will set a precedent for similar programs in other cities. It may also serve as an experiment in determining what graduate courses the University of California might provide for USDA members and how USDA personnel can participate and cooperate in such programs.

COMING - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

December 22, 1945 - January 7, 1946

No classes have been scheduled to meet between these dates. However, the buildings will be open (except Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1) and if

any instructor wishes to hold a make-up class or an extra meeting he may make arrangements through the GS office to do so. This is highly important, as classrooms must be set up by custodial help and students informed. Embarrassment to all concerned can be avoided by proper notification. Please cooperate so that all may have a

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

ACTIVITIES - GS DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES

The end of the war has brought with it many changes in the education needs of Federal employees, and in the next few years the GS anticipates a number which will surpass those in any similar period of its existence. Therefore Departmental Committees are engaged each in its own way in the reappraising of its programs, a fundamental stock taking of the needs that must be met.

The Engineering and Mechanical Arts Committee was one of the first to map out a way of handling their particular objective - that GS courses should supplement and broaden horizons of engineers to give them a fuller conception of training for service to government and society. To coordinate and integrate this thought the advice of two



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committees has been enlisted: one made up of representatives of Federal agencies, employing engineers, and the other representatives of National Engineering Societies. Already eleven government departments and ten engineering societies have indicated interest and cooperation by naming members to represent them on these advisory groups. In addition to these two committees, a third advisory group is now being formed, consisting of representatives of bureaus from within the Department which employ a sizeable number of engineers.

At a November 5 meeting, the Departmental Committee on Public Administration decided their program should be reappraised especially in the light of lessons in administrative theory and practice emerging from war-time administration. Small advisory committees representing certain fields of Public Administration set up to carry out this plan, were asked to make recommendations by February 1946.

The Social Science Committee is following this same idea by organizing several advisory committees, one for each major field, to review the subject and make basic recommendations early in the spring. Also undergoing consideration is the insertion in the catalog outlining course progression on the Social Sciences.

The next NEWSLETTER will report on activities of other committees.

FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE HELD

In October the first assembly of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations convened in Quebec and was formally established. Agreement had been reached on the need for such an organization at the world food conference held at Hot Springs over two years ago. Now more than 30 nations have come together for the first time to set up a permanent body on the basic premise that a considerable majority of people in this world are underfed and poorly nourished.

Many United States delegates are members of USDA, several of whom are also associated with the Graduate School. Howard R. Tolley, Chief, BAE, is U. S. Representative on the Executive Committee of FAO. Reports on the conference were given in the Jefferson Memorial Auditorium on November 7.

An interesting note is that the Director-General elect of FAO, Sir John Orr, distinguished English specialist on food questions, lectured for the Graduate School in 1938 on the subject, "Nutrition Problems of the British Empire."

The FAO recalls its forerunner, "The International Institute of Agriculture," organized just 40 years ago. This organization, the first of its kind in the world, was proposed by David Lubin of California. Victor Emmanuel of Italy called a world conference. Henry White, U. S. Ambassador to Rome, William Hill, Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange, and Albert F. Woods, Educational Adviser and Director Emeritus, GS, (then Principal Pathologist and Ass't. Chief, BPI) were appointed by Theodore Roosevelt to represent the U. S. at the international meeting held in Rome, May 1905. The 40 nations represented recommended protocol setting up the International Institute of Agriculture, to study agricultural cooperation, international agricultural statistics and other specified lines of work. This institute has continued to operate and will now function in cooperation with FAO. The International Institute of Agriculture has an extensive library in Rome and up until 1941 published the International Yearbook of Agricultural Statistics, the only work of its kind in existence.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Graduate School is cooperating with the Naval Research Laboratory in their program of special courses offered at NRL for their personnel.

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Blake M. Loring, Metallurgist, NRL, is teaching "Engineering Alloys," also available in alternate years in the South agricultural building. Rear Admiral A. H. Van Keuren, NRL director, who arranged with the GS and University of Maryland to give these advanced graduate courses at the laboratory, is also negotiating with other leading schools to make similar arrangements. Students at the NRL now total over 300.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC PERSONNEL

An Advisory Committee on Scientific Personnel, made up of representatives of Federal agencies interested in research, has been formed to advise concerning the selection, training and advancement of scientific and technical personnel in the physical and biological scientific work of the Federal government. S. B. Fracker, Research Coordinator, ARA, is the Department's representative on this group and also chairman of the USDA's Interbureau Advisory Committee on Scientific Personnel.

At its first meeting on November 6, the USDA Interbureau Committee appointed a Department "Science Training Group" to sponsor the establishment of a central office to survey and disseminate information concerning training needs and opportunities for prospective scientific students. Named to this group were five men, representing certain fields, similar to those responsibilities they hold in the Graduate School. They are: Dr. Bishopp, Animal Biological Sciences; Dr. Barss, Plant Biological Sciences; Dr. Eisele, In-Service Training; Dr. Kellogg, Physical and Chemical Sciences; Dr. Rohrbaugh, Educational Facilities.

MOVES *** AND *** RETURNS

November and December mark the months for mass (90%) moves in the USDA. In accordance with the new organizational set-up bureau and divisions are being shifted into different quarters, REA is coming back from St. Louis and FCA soon returns from Kansas City. Wel-

come all. No wonder reorganizations at to space is necessary! While this general moving is going on some confusion may arise in connection with rooms used by GS classes. So the administrative staff solicits the forbearance and cooperation of the faculty in meeting this situation.

Along this same line, since changes seem the order of the day, the School office would appreciate up-to-the-minute information from faculty and committee members as to change of jobs, titles or telephone numbers. To facilitate communication and to help speed up work we request this. And thank you.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SEMINAR EXHIBITS

The first annual exhibition of the Photographic Seminar, organized at the beginning of this year, was held in the Patio of the Administration Building October 16 to 25. Approximately 60 pictures were displayed and cash awards amounted to \$45. Very gratifying was the favorable comment, especially from disinterested parties, Ivan Blackman, President of the Club announced, and also stated that the exhibit merits particular attention because the photographs were taken by people who had been working on this type of thing less than a year.

The Photographic Seminar, sponsored by Elbridge Purdy, GS instructor in Applied Photography, is open to all who have successfully completed the School's course in this subject. As pointed out in the April NEWSLETTER the group has three main objectives, the most important being to acquire a full-rounded conception of what constitutes a good picture. All discussion, lectures and field trips are planned with this in mind. A membership of over 40 indicates the interest shown in this projects.

MOTION PICTURE PROGRAM UNDERWAY

The first 1945-46 series of movies sponsored by the GS in cooperation with the Office of Motion Picture Service,

shown November 21 at 5:40, included:

1. The Fleet that Came to Stay
2. Realm of the Wild

Unfortunately this happened to be the day the Capital Transit chose to strike which prevented many from attending. However, we hope no traffic tie-up will occur at the next showing, scheduled for Thursday, December 20. As yet the program to be presented on this date has not been announced.

PERSONALS

New Board Member

Secretary Anderson, on October 1, appointed John B. Hutson, Under-Secretary, to the GS General Administration Board to replace Grover H. Hill, who recently resigned. Mr. Hutson has been with the Department for several years, serving in various capacities. Recently he was named Chairman of the Editorial Advisory Board of USDA, the Department's semi-monthly newsbulletin for employees.

New Staff Member

Miss Mary E. Tice has joined the GS staff as Secretary to the Director, transferring from Office of Labor, USDA. A native of Virginia, Miss Tice attended Farmville State Teachers College and Charleston College of Commerce.

Job Changes

Henry G. Herrell (Federal Budgetary Procedure) from Ass't. Deputy Director OMS, to Chief, Management and Organization Branch, P & MA:

William L. Dye (Accounting) from Office of Investigatory Services to Ass't. Chief, Division of Corporate Fiscal Services, B&F.

Paul L. Grigaut, from Principal Translator, State Dept., to the University of New Hampshire to resume his former position in the Language Department. Mrs. de Brodes, who replaces him, wrote the text, "De L'Esprit," which GS French classes are using.

Howard Zahniser (Writing for Official Purposes) from Head of Information, BPISE to editor of Living Wilderness.

Louis J. Kroeger (Personnel Administration) and Jacob H. Mason (Employee Relations) both former state directors of personnel, have entered the field of private industry. While in Washington Mr. Kroeger acted as Director, Administrative Services, OPA, and Mr. Mason was employed in the Office of the Secretary of War as Chief, Employee Relations Branch, Civilian Personnel Division. Mrs. Kraus, Ass't. Chief, Employee Relations Branch, Office of Personnel, OPA, replaces Mr. Mason and Virgil Couch, Chief, Personnel Officer, FSA, is teaching in the place of Mr. Kroeger.

Milestones

In October Herbert O. Calvery, Chief Division of Pharmacology, Food and Drug Administration, and GS instructor in Physiological Chemistry, died at the age of 47. Formerly he had taught at Johns Hopkins and at the University of Michigan Medical School. This outstanding scientist entered the FDA in June 1935 and came to teach for the GS in 1937, serving as a faculty member until the time of his death.

Returns from Europe

Clayton E. Whipple, Principal Agricultural Economist, OFAR, and GS instructor, has returned from a six-month's stay in the Balkans. He was sent as Agricultural Adviser to chiefs of our Agricultural Missions in that section of Europe. As a whole he found the farmers at work, although production has been definitely retarded due to the war but more so to the severe drought in the Danube Valley.

Before leaving Europe Mr. Whipple attended the European Conference on Food and Agriculture, made up of U.S. attaches to European countries (including also some representatives from the USDA), held in Paris with the purpose of surveying the general agricultural picture in Europe and for the guidance of the Department and other interested agencies.